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All you need to know about Victoria

An invaluable reference source, the 2002 Victorian Year Book, providing you with all you need to know about Victoria was released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) today.

This latest edition (114th) of the annual publication is a valuable reference tool and source of stories for media, with detailed statistical information on population, labour force, natural environment, education, transport, housing, health, crime, manufacturing, agriculture, building, and more.

Some of the more interesting facts from the 2002 Victorian Year Book include:

- There was a net migration gain (overseas and interstate) of over 35,000 people in 2000-01.
- The "All Groups" Consumer Price Index (CPI) index for Melbourne increased by 6.9% in a year (June 2000 and June 2001), compared to just 4.8% between June 1996 and June 2000.
- The number of children enrolled in Victorian schools topped 800,000 for the first time in 2000.
- When compared to 1995-96, the House Price Index for Melbourne increased by 63% for established homes, and 28% for project homes.
- Almost two-thirds of victims of crime recorded by police were aged under 35 years, compared to 1.9% of victims being aged 65 years and over.
- The number of Victorians indicating concern about environmental problems declined from 75% in 1992 to 61% in 2001.
- Victoria's Gross State Product percentage growth was higher than Australia's growth, as measured by Gross Domestic Product in four of the last six years,

Also included is a feature article "Measuring Community Wellbeing", which outlines statistical initiatives undertaken to address the need for more detailed and comprehensive statistical indicators, particularly regional and small-area indicators, and those which measure "wellbeing" or "progress".

Further details are in the **2002 Victorian Year Book** (cat. no 1301.2).

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